

Sisters' S. C. E.

OUR MISSION TOWARD THE THEOLOGICAL CHAIR

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This is a mission that should interest every member of the Brethren church. Some of you may say, Why should it interest me? Stop, ponder.

Did Jesus not give each one of us a work to do? Well you may say, I can not preach, I can not teach, and this may all be true. But can we not help others who can and are willing to go out into the missionary fields to help gather this great harvest which is white and ripe awaiting the sickle of the laborers.

Now in order that these young men and women may go and help gather this vast harvest they must first be educated that they may be worthy of their calling. That this may be successfully accomplished, we as a Sisters' Society of Christain Endeavor must put our shoulders to the wheel and help to support the Theological chair. Dear Sisters, right here is where we can do our missionary work.

I trust that every S. S. C. E. in the Kanemorado District has taken one of the Endowment pledges. If you have not taken one yet, do not let the year pass by without taking one. There is none that could not give this small sum, and from this small sum what a great and glorious work might be done in the training of those who are willing to go out and carry the bread of life to starving souls.

The teachers in Ashland college should be unencumbered by worldly affairs, that they may give all their time and thoughts to their work. Now in order that they may do this, we as brethren and sisters and co workers in Christ must help bear their burdens, that these young men may receive such training that they may go with holy courage and fearlessly proclaim the glad tidings of salvation to a sin-lost world. As Christ chose the twelve, so I believe he has chosen these young men as co workers in saving the world. These twelve were common men, not nobles, nor scribes, but men from the working class; open-hearted, simple minded, ready for Christ's work. They were *trained men* who lived and walked and talked with the greatest of teachers.

Oh! what a blessed mission it is to help carry the gospel to the homes of those that are starving for the bread of life. Dear sisters, there is a work for us that none other can do. Christ has given each one of us a work and no one can do that work for us. Christ has not given us any work that we are not able to do. There is no excuse for not doing what he has asked of us. Jesus said, His yoke is easy and his burdens are light.

Dear brethren and sisters, we who have the Bible, Sunday school, churches, and yet neglect our duty, will have a fearful account. We know the Master's will and do it not.

BRETHREN EVANGELIST

The worker for Christ carries blessings to men's bodies and souls. Christ chooses for his work those who are fitted for it; men who can speak to brother men with sympathy. Dear sisters, let our mission to the Theological chair be a mission of love that these young men and women may go forth with a glorious message, with a solemn warning, and with an assurance of Christ's presence.

"How beauteous are the feet
That stand on Zion's hill!
Who bring salvation on their tongues
And words of peace reveal.

Morrill, Kan.

WHY BE LOYAL TO THE S. S. C. E.

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Dear Sisters: It is such a God-given privilege and a joy to be a member of the S. S. C. E. that the question, "Why be loyal," is not difficult to answer. Loyalty is true faithfulness, and I trust that you will allow me to say, Be loyal to the S. S. C. E.

First, because it is a sisters' society for Christian endeavor of the Brethren church, the cause that I love and the cause that you love. And then it is the church of our choice. She requires it, she demands it, and she deserves it.

Second, the name Christian Endeavor demands it, if true to its requirements. Individual effort earns the name and loyal efforts of the local societies to be true to the national organization is required. May we do nothing in any way that will conflict with what has been already accepted and abundantly blessed with success. Again the name earns it by the loyal, faithful individual requirements, by trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ. It also requires us to strive to do whatever he would have us do and make it the rule of our life to pray and read our Bibles and to support our own Brethren church in every way, especially by attending all her regular Sunday and mid-week services unless prevented by some reason which we can conscientiously give to our Savior.

Now then, dear sisters, be loyal because the name "Endeavor" and duty demand it. Again I will repeat be loyal because the S. S. C. E. is of the Brethren church for the constitution requires us to put forth every unquestionable effort to increase her funds and to work for the spiritual good of its members, and in order to do this we must give our love, time, talent, money, faithful, perseverance, punctual presence and obedience to the head of the cause which is Jesus Christ.

Third, be loyal because of the object of our society. Its fundamental truth and settled rule of action toward the Brethren church demands loyalty. I love the S. S. C. E. work because it is of and for the Brethren church and I do trust that it is not because as it is often said that I was rocked in a Dunkard cradle but because of her doctrine and rule of faith. It is the truth as I have found it. The S. S. C. E. has been a

sister Phebe to the church, and dear sisters let us continue to be a Phebe and so attain our loyalty.

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Our Young People

Little Things

There's never a rose in all the world
But makes some green spray sweeter:
There's never a wind in all the sky
But makes some bird wing fleetier;
There's never a star but brings to heaven
Some silver radiance tender;
And never a rosy cloud but helps
To crown the sunset splendor;
No robin but may thrill some heart
His dawning gladness voicing.
God gives us all some small, sweet way
To set the world rejoicing.

—Anonymous.

FIDELITY TO PLEDGES—"I PROMISE"

Ps. 65:1-4; 61:1-8; 116:12-14.

Topic for April 28.

I. A BIBLE READING.

- 1 Covenant making, Ex. 19:1-9.
- 2 God's pledge to us, Ps. 111:1-10.
- 3 The need of pledges, Dent. 29:9-14.
- 4 A pledge to God, Eccl. 5:1-7.
- 5 Personal influence, I Thess. 1:1-10.

II. SOME SCRIPTURE LIGHT.

1. God's Promises.

- 1 Confirmed by an oath, Ps. 89:3, 4; Heb. 6:17.
- 2 God is faithful, Titus 1:2; Heb. 10:23.
- 3 God remembers, Ps. 105:42 and Lk. 1:54, 55.
- 4 Are good, I King 8:53.
- 5 Great and precious, II Pet. 1:4.
- 6 Not one shall fail, Josh. 23:14.

2. Our Promise.

- 1 To follow the things of God, I Sam. 12:20, 21.
- 2 Payment of our vows, Ps. 22:25; 56:22.
- 3 Must be made, Matt. 6:24.
- 4 Must be kept, Luke 9:62.
- 5 Test of discipleship, John 8:31.
- 6 Kept with purpose of heart, Acts 11:22.
- 7 A determination of judgment, Rom. 2:6, 7.
- 8 Not kept in vain, I Cor. 15:58.
- 9 Not grow wrong in keeping, II Thess. 3:13.
- 10 Help promised, Heb. 10:23; Rev. 2:10.
- 11 Result of keeping, Heb. 13:9.
- 12 Even if suffering becomes necessary, I Pet. 3:17, 18.
- 13 Test of abiding in Him, I John 2:24, 28.

III. TOPIC THOUGHTS.

- 1 Whatever is right for us to do, is right for us to promise to do. The determination is as proper as the deed. Our warrant for our pledge lies in the worth of the objects to which we are pledged.
- 2 Broken pledges break the character.
- 3 To make a hard pledge is proof of a strong faith.
- 4 Every promise pre-supposes performance.
- 5 Because our promises are made to God we may expect help from him.
- 6 Faithfulness in performing one's pledges is a proof of faith.
- 7 The pledge is the plumb-line of practice.
- 8 Making pledges is not a trivial thing. It is a serious matter to enter into a covenant with one's own conscience; it is a more serious thing to enter into a covenant with God. Failure to do what we promise is sin.
- 9 One of the best ways of judging the character of another is to observe how they make and keep promises.
- 20 The covenant of the Christian is doubly sacred because it is with the Savior who purchased for